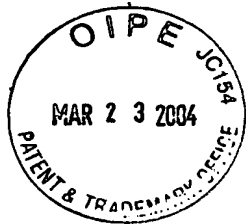


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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner of
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Alexandria, VA 22313

March 19, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated November 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for reply that expired February 19, 2004. Accompanying this response is a request for a one-month extension of the term up to and including March 19, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on March 19, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown in the section entitled Specification

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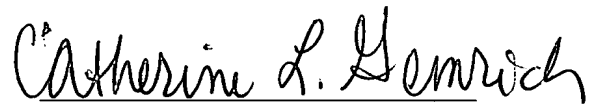
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term which expired on February 19, 2004, for one month, to March 19, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 13016.

Respectfully submitted,

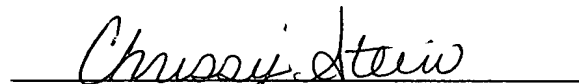


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